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## Jackson- Castro deal

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# To free 22 Americans

HAVANA — Cuban President Fidel Castro and the Rev. Jesse Jackson said about 1 a.m. EDT today that 22 American prisoners and one accused CIA agent will be released from Cuban jails, and will return Thursday to Washington, D.C., with Jackson.

Eight hours after their talks began, Castro said he had

yielded to Jackson's "humanitarian" appeal for release of the Americans — 18 convicted of crimes and 4 awaiting trial, most on drug charges.

Jackson said there will be continued negotiations on a list of 21 Cuban prisoners he also had hoped to free — "We have set in place a process" to discuss it further, he said.

"Rev. Jackson asked us to make an exception on humanitarian grounds," said Castro.

"And we decided to release all the American prisoners, with the exception of hijackers."

Castro and Jackson said they also talked about the return of Cubans held in the USA since the 1980 Mariel boatlift.